

POLICE MAY CLEAR MYSTERY

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Thelma H. Richardson was shot by Thomas Pollard the coroner's jury said in a verdict today.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13.—With the discovery today of several notes and a check signed "Thomas Pollard," the police tonight expressed the belief they finally had gotten a clue that would result in clearing up the mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. Thelma Richardson.

The letters, four of them, and the check were found by detectives during a search of the woman's home nine miles from the city.

The check is dated June 25, 1921, and is signed "Thomas Pollard." It is drawn on a local bank and is made payable to Thelma H. Richardson.

Detectives pointed out tonight that during the hearing of the Richardson divorce case it was developed that Mrs. Richardson went to a local hospital on June 6, 1921, for an operation.

Two of the four notes found by the detectives today are dated. One apparently was written on Monday, May 16, 1921, while the other was dated one J28, 1921.

In the note of May 16, the writer addresses the recipient as "Dearest Little Hamm" and goes on to say, "I certainly have missed you this day and do hope you are feeling better by now."

"As you are, as a rule, such sunshine to me and I love to have you around."

Another paragraph reads: "I want you to know that I think a little of you, so I am writing you this and you can read it after I have left you tonight."

The letter concludes with "Loads of love for you," and is signed "Tom." The note of June 23 refers to a visit and promises to "do as I know you wish me" and closes with the injunction: "Have a good time and be a good little girl." This note is also signed "Tom."

One of the undated notes expresses deep concern over a severe attack of sore throat and urges the recipient to be careful. It also is addressed to "Dearest Hamm" and the first line carries the salutation: "Good morning, darling." It ends with the expression, "Loads of love and take care of yourself." This note is signed "Thomas."

The fourth note was written on Friday but bears no date. It is formal in tone and contains none of the endearing terms employed in the other. It is addressed to "Dear Miss Hamm" and expresses the writer's pleasure that "you are going to the Richardson's to stay, as I am sure they will do everything possible for you."

The closing sentence reads: "When you feel well enough to see me a few minutes let me know, and if there is anything that I can do for you, please call on me." It is signed, "Sincerely, Thomas Pollard."

The body of Mrs. Richardson left here today on its journey to Atlanta, where it will be buried. Herbert Richardson, former husband of the slain woman, who has manifested a keen interest in the investigation of the case, accompanied the remains to the Georgia city.

Thomas Pollard, and J. Moody West, who is charged with being an accessory to the killing of Mrs. Richardson, will be arraigned in police court tomorrow.

Detectives investigating the killing stated tonight that they have been unable to establish the exact manner in which Mrs. Richardson was shot. West is said to have told the officers that the shooting occurred in the vestibule of the Pollard home, while neighbors say the body was found in an arroyo between the Pollard home and the house adjoining, several feet from the front door of the Pollard residence.

TWO NEW MOVES IN MURDER CASE

Formal notice of intention to appeal from the refusal of Judge T. J. Mauldin to grant a writ of inquiry in the Ira Harrison case was served yesterday morning on Solicitor A. F. Spigner, Clerk of Court Hinnant and the supreme court by B. E. Evans, counsel for Harrison.

Attorney Evans claims the notice of intention to appeal from the refusal of Judge Mauldin to have Harrison examined automatically stays the death sentence, but Solicitor Spigner does not admit his in his acceptance of service of the notice.

Considerable discussion was heard yesterday as to whether or not the notice of intention to appeal from the refusal automatically stays the death sentence of Harrison.

L. G. Southard, attorney for Frank M. Jeffords, presented the petition for clemency in behalf of his client. The petition was signed by Jeffords himself.

Jeffords says he feels that if he were permitted to live he would be an example to "all young men who are drifting into wrong paths and ways."

Jeffords had also written the governor a personal letter pleading for clemency. Governor Harvey feels very keenly the situation and would like to help Jeffords, but it is known that it is improbable that he will interfere.

"I hereby acknowledge that a copy of the within notice was served upon me this 13th day of December, 1922. This acknowledgement of service is made without prejudice to the state's right to insist that the service of said notice does not act as a stay for the execution of the sentence and judgment of the court."

Mr. Evans did not give his exceptions and grounds for appeal, informing the supreme court and others served that these would be made known later.

His notice to Mr. Spigner, the clerk of court and the supreme court was as follows:

"You and each of you will please take notice that the defendant and appellant above named intends to and hereby does appeal to the supreme court of South Carolina at its next regular term, and will ask for a review and reversal of the judgment, sentence, ruling and findings of his honor, Judge T. J. Mauldin, given and filed or to be filed in the above case on the 9th day of December, 1922, at Columbia, upon the grounds and exceptions to be hereinafter served upon you according to the law therein made and provided."—The State.

Eastern Star Chapter Elects Officers

The Martha Chapter, O. E. S., met last evening and elected the following officers: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Geo. T. Keller.

Worthy Patron, L. C. Wharton. Associate Matron, Mrs. C. B. Counts. Conductress, Mrs. Evans Tinsley. Associate Conductress, Mrs. Virginia Estes.

Bazaar Saturday

Five darling little girls, Misses Frances Keller, Jean and Mary Wallis Arthur, Henrietta Jordan and Sara Tinsley are to conduct a bazaar on Saturday in the store room next to W. D. Arthur Co.'s store and make money for the Santa Claus club.

WOODROW WILSON IGNORES RUMORS

Hugh W. Roberts. Washington, Dec. 13.—Woodrow Wilson, it is reported by those understood to be most intimate with him, will not dignify by a denial the pointed reports; regarded by some as inspired, which are presently making the political rounds.

The most insistent of these reports is that on January 8 or whereabouts when the Democrats throughout the country are celebrating the anniversary of the birth of Andrew Jackson, Mr. Wilson will issue a statement which will be tantamount to a challenge to those who would question his leadership or directorship of the Democratic party.

The reports are known by Democrats here to be wild. They have become so insistent, however, that an effort was made to secure a statement from the former president.

Mr. Wilson is sharply disinclined to correct unofficial gossip. It is recalled that it was reported that he had snubbed General Poch when that commander called at his S street residence.

More Cotton Manufactured Since October, 1917

Washington, Dec. 14.—More cotton was manufactured during November than in any month since October 1917, so the Census Bureau announced today.

Thousands Pay Homage To Wanamaker

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Thousands from all walks of life did homage to ohn Wanamaker today. The body of the noted merchant lay in state this morning in Bethany Presbyterian church, where he worshipped and long lines marched by the casket.

Turkey Will Accept League Supervision Over Christians in Turkey

Lausanne, Dec. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Turkey will know the league of nations as soon as peace is signed, Ismet Pasha announced at the Near East conference today.

Says Company Has Abided By Supreme Court Decision

Washington, Dec. 14.—Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, told the senate manufacturing committee today that his company had abided by the decision of the supreme court ordering dissolution.

Cooperative Marketing Association Convenes

Washington, Dec. 14.—The first National Council of the Farmers Cooperative Marketing Associations convened here today. It represents associations from every part of the country and lasts for three days.

DAVIS STATUE WILL BE PLACED

Washington, Dec. 13.—Mississippi will eventually put a statue of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, in the Hall of Fame or statutory hall in the capitol, according to Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi.

Once upon a time, before a state could put a statue of its sons in the capitol, the consent of the senate was required. And Virginia, finally, came to the senate asking permission to put its favorite sons in statutory hall.

The senate did not hesitate respecting Washington, but raised its hands in horror at the suggestion of Lee. And Virginia, through its representatives, declared that unless the government accepted Lee it could not accept Washington.

While the debate regarding Lee was raging in the senate, it was echoed in the house. Finally Representative (now senator) Carter Glass declared that if Virginia was denied the right to erect a monument to Lee in Washington, nothing would be as the federal government and had already erected a monument to Lee in the capitol.

Christmas Offering For Orphanage

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church made a Christmas offering for Connie Maxwell orphanage Sunday morning and \$210 was raised. This is a splendid Christmas gift and will make many little children happy.

Circle Meeting

Circle No. 1 of the First Baptist church will meet tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:35 instead of next week. The members are urged to note the change of date.

Important Meeting Tonight

Don't forget the membership meeting of the Young Men's Business League tonight at 8 o'clock. Election of officers and directors for the ensuing year.

Teachers' Meeting Postponed

The officers and teachers of the Union County Teachers association deem it wise to postpone the date of the meeting until the first Saturday in January, and the teachers will please note the change.

Store and Residence Burned Last Night

The store and residence of H. W. Bramlett, at Monarch, were destroyed by fire last night at 11:30 o'clock. The store, in which Mr. Bramlett operated a market, was joined to the residence, and both were completely destroyed.

Today's Cotton Market

Table with 2 columns: Date, Price. Rows for December, January, March, May, July, and Local market.

Germany Near Collapse

London, Dec. 14.—Germany is near a complete collapse, so Premier Bonar Law told the house of commons today.

Prayer Meeting

The prayer service of South Mountain street will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. C. Sanders.

CANNOT AVOID NAVAL PROGRAM

Washington, Dec. 13 (By the Associated Press).—Blunt notice that the United States can not avoid a new naval program in swift cruisers and fleet submarines unless treaty limitations are extended to such craft was served by the house appropriations committee today in reporting the \$293,806,538 naval appropriation bill.

The committee report said large cruiser and submarine programs were planned abroad, ending: "In other words, competition is on again in the single direction to which the unilateral agreement (the Washington naval treaty) does not extend, and if it is allowed to go unchecked, the purse strings again must be relaxed and the government, like all others, will be constrained to launch a new program to the extent necessary to keep up at least abreast of any of the other powers."

"President Harding was not consulted by the committee with relation to its limitation conference request. The project for negotiations apparently came as a surprise even to naval officials. It was originated by Chairman Kelly of the naval appropriations subcommittee. The chief reason prompting Mr. Kelly to propose a new naval conference was understood to have been the light cruiser program recommended by the navy general board. No mention of this is included in the published copies of committee hearings on the bill.

Seven Persons Scalded to Death When Engines Crash

Houston, Texas, Dec. 14.—The dead in the railroad wreck at Humble numbers 14, so the railroad investigators announced at noon. Four were white.

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Houston, Texas, Dec. 14.—Seven persons were scalded to death by steam when the Houston East and West Texas Railway passenger train sideswiped a switch engine at Humble Night. Thirty-five people were injured. The switch engine, unattended, "drifted" down the sidetrack, the cylinder heads of the two locomotives hitting squarely. A two inch steam pipe crashed through the window of the negro coach. Two whites are among the dead.

SAYS DAUGHERTY WILL WIN CASE

Washington, Dec. 14.—Charging that congressmen who opposed Attorney General Daugherty had been shadowed by the justice department detectives, Jackson Z. Ralston, attorney for Representative Keller in the impeachment hearing against Daugherty, asked the committee to obtain the names and reports of the department operatives. The defense denied the charge.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Chairman Volstead declared tonight during hearings before the house judiciary committee on impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty that, judged by the character of testimony thus far offered, he did not believe it possible "to make anything out of the case."

The statement was made during the taking of testimony on a second of the impeachment specifications filed by Representative Keller (Republican) of Minnesota, that charging a failure by the attorney general to force compliance by the railroads with the safety appliance acts. Previously the committee had completed the taking of evidence on the first of the 14 specifications—that charging Mr. Daugherty had knowingly appealed to office men who were "untrustworthy, corrupt and dangerous to the liberties of the people of the United States."

Personal Mention

Miss Elizabeth Askew, of Limestone college, will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Askew, on South Mountain street.

Miss Bessie Jones Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Union.

Capt. Miller Arthur, of Washington, D. C., will arrive Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Arthur.

Mrs. Ned Arthur and daughters will leave next week for Salley to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Salley.

Mrs. Ella D. Rodger and Miss Annie Rodger of Chicago will arrive in January to spend sometime with relatives.

Mrs. John K. Hamblin and little son, Merriman, who have been in Atlanta, Ga., for some time, will probably return to Union Friday.

Friends in Union will be pleased to hear that little John Belue, who is in an Atlanta hospital for treatment, is improving. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Belue of Bonham.

Bald Rock

We are having some cold and wet weather these days, although it is fine weather for killing porkers. There were seven killed in this community yesterday. There were some large ones among them, so old Pea Ridge is going to live well.

Mrs. Thomas Gregory and children spent Sunday with Miss Lura Sprouse.

Misses Maid and Vera Scales spent Saturday with Misses Myrtle and Lois Sanders near Bald Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Alman of Kelson, Route 1, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gregory in this community.

John O'Shields' string band gave an entertainment at Kelly's school house last Friday night. There was a large crowd present and everyone enjoyed the music. The sum of \$22 was raised.

Shuler Gregory of Lockhart spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gregory of Bald Rock.

Miss Lois Sanders has returned to her home near Bald Rock from the Wallace Thomson hospital, where she went to have her tonsils removed. Miss Sanders has many friends who wish for her a speedy recovery.

Rev. Duckworth of Lockhart filed his regular appointment at Foster's Chapel Sunday morning. There was a small crowd but he preached a good sermon. I wish there could have been more there to hear him. He is a new preacher and the members are proud of him. Rev. H. W. Stone also filed his regular appointment at Mt. Joy Sunday afternoon and preached a strong and forceful sermon to a rather large attendance.

The modern racing airplane of today moves faster than did the cannon ball used in the Civil War. The cannon ball of that time averaged but 200 feet a second and the airplane does 360 feet a second.

HOPE OF REPUBLIC RESTS WITH SOUTH

By Hugh W. Roberts. Washington, Dec. 13.—The hope of the survival of the American republic was declared by former Vice President Thomas B. Marshall in an informal address to the Mississippi society tonight.

"The destiny of this nation is in the hands of the pure Americanism of the South and not with the babel of tongues that is confounding the cities of the East. You people of the South once tried to disserve the union. But I say now that the hope of the survival of the republic is the South."

Mr. Marshall then explained that the purest English speaking and English thinking strain which for centuries has stood for the greatest measure of freedom and liberty was preserved in the South as in no other section of the United States and that the day was not far away when these descendants of the traditional preservers and defenders of Democratic ideals and believers of conservatism in government and social order would stand as a stone wall to turn back the tide of "wild eyed" radicalism now threatening in the "hideous" form of Bolshevism.

Mr. Marshall was given another ovation when he "spoke his heart and mind" about Mississippi's senior senator, John Sharp Williams. "I know something of the men now occupying seats in the United States senate," he said, "and I know something about the men who have in days gone by served in that eminent body and what I am going to say is not in disparagement of any senator living or dead. It is my deliberate judgment and carefully formed opinion that for comprehensive knowledge of the political history of the world, of the origin of races and nationalities and the science of government, John Sharp Williams has never had a superior in the senate. I will say also that for sustained eloquence, sustained logic and sustained strength in debate he is without an equal in any legislative body in the world. And a remarkable fact in this connection is that he is always ready."

Another pleasing reference by Mr. Marshall was to Senator Harrison's speeches in Indiana during the recent campaign. He said that the junior Mississippi senator struck blows in that state which staggered the enemy and contributed effectively to the victory won by Governor Ralston in his race against Beveridge for the senate.

Navy Bill Items

Washington, Dec. 13.—The navy bill as reported today in the house, carried the following items: Naval operating base, Hampton Roads, Va., to continue dredging, \$250,000.

Norfolk, Va., navy yard, \$30,000 for fire protection for oil and gasoline tank at St. Helena.

Charleston, S. C., navy yard to continue dredging, \$20,000. The bill also provides for the station at Hampton Roads, \$260,000 the same general provision heretofore made for that base.

The amount for naval aviation as carried in the bill is \$14,647,174, or \$36,776 under last year.

Mail Early

Do not wait until the last minute to mail Christmas letters and packages. Some people are thoughtful enough to mail their Christmas letters and packages in time for delivery before Christmas; many others, just as generous, but less thoughtful, wait until the last minute and then pour their Christmas mail into the post-office in a perfect deluge, with the result that thousands of little folks, and grown-ups too, are disappointed and perhaps their Christmas spoiled because a letter or package is delayed and not delivered until after Christmas.

Please mail packages for out of town delivery early in the week beginning December 11th, and for city delivery during the week ending December 18th. Such letters and packages may be endorsed "Do Not Open Until Christmas."

Prayer Service

The prayer service on Church street will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. P. E. Bobo.

Death of Mrs. D. L. Gault

Mrs. D. L. Gault died at her home near Flat Rock church yesterday and her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Flat Rock church today.

Future employment of married women in the Cincinnati Public Library and its branches has been barred by action of the board of trustees.